[Mr. T. C. Kesava Pillai.]

(*d*) whether they have received any representations of late complaining against the report of the Judicial Department on the matter, and, if so, what that complaint is?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The representations have been referred to the High Court for their views.

(*d*) A representation, without date, has been received from certain inhabitants of Vilavankod stating that certain interested parties have approached certain Judges of the High Court with a view to have the Court shifted to near the Taluk Cutcherry compound and that one of the Judges is to inspect the site. The representation contains also the prayer that the Dewan may inspect and select the site.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): May I know whether the Dewan inspected the place?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The prayer was that the Dewan should inspect the place. The Dewan has not inspected the place.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to make an enquiry?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): It is a course of action that the member suggests.

Unqualified Medical men in Villages and Towns.

474. MR. K. MADHAVAN (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether unqualified medical men are given sanction to carry on their private practice in villages and towns?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the negative and there is no law at present requiring Government sanction in such cases.

Appointment of Provertikars.

475. MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state their final decision on the opinion of the representatives of the people, regarding the appointment of Provertikars from outside the department?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The question is being considered.

Issue of Dewan's Assembly Address to Newspapers.

476. MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the date on which the Dewan's address to the last Assembly was sent to the outside Press and to the local Press;

(*b*) if they have sent it earlier to outside Press the reason why the Government give preference to outside papers;

(*c*) the name of the officer that was responsible for the despatch of Government publications to the Press;

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(*d*) whether they received any complaint on the subject from one of the local editors; and

(*e*) if the answer to part (*d*) is in the affirmative, whether they took any action on the same?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Copies were sent to a few papers outside Travancore on the night of the 23rd February 1929 and to a few papers in Trivandrum on the 24th February afternoon. Copies were also given to all the papers representatives of which had been sent to the Assembly, on the opening day of the Session *viz.*, the 25th February 1929. To the others, copies were sent on subsequent dates.

(*b*) Copies of the address were sent on the 23rd February to papers outside so as to reach them simultaneously with its publication in Trivandrum on the 25th February.

(*c*) The despatching clerk under the supervision of the Special Officer.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*d*).

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state what are the special circumstances which prompted them to send these copies on the 23rd February to outside papers?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That has been explained already.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): May I know from the member what are the papers to which these copies were sent outside Travancore?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): To some of the important papers in Madras and other places.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): May I know the names of one or two papers?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): They were sent to the Madras Mail, the Statesman and other papers.

MR. K.P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): The member asked that question and the answer given to the question is "the member knows the answer". Is it an answer, Sir? I think that every member of the House is entitled to get an answer to his question whether he knows the information or not.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: As the Standing Orders stand at present I think that you are not permitted to speak at this stage.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): I rise to a point of order.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretray to Government*): Which is the question that the member is referring to?

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): No. 477.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretaray to Government*): We have not come to that question yet.

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